(b) As regards the demand for Rs. 1827 crores for the development of Calcutta on proposal in this regard had been received from the State Government.

Mandays loss in West Bengal higher despite fewer lockouts

1274. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in Business Standard of 7th April, 1989 under the caption "mandays loss in West Bengal higher despite fewer lockouts"; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA) : (a) and (b) According to the latest available information, while the number of lockouts was 196 in West Bengal during 1987 and 1988, the loss of mandays due to lockouts was 25·28 million in 1988 as compared to to 22·78 million in 1987.

In both the years, all the lockouts in the State were in establishments falling within the State sphere under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 and the State Government is the appropriate authority to deal with the matter. With a view to modernising and rehabilitating the Jute Industry, the Central Government have created a Jute Modernisation Fund and a Special Development Fund for Modernisation and Rehabilitation of the Jute mills. Government have also enacted the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987 providing for the compulsory use of Jute Bags in certain industries.

Clearance to project report for Coconut Cultivation in Kerala

1275. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Project Report at a cost of Rs. 21·37 crores sent by Kerala Government to cover one lakh hectareof coconut cultivation in 4 districts viz., Trivandrum, Eirnakulam, Trichur and Calicut, is still pending with the Centre, which is basically as per the guidelines under the Technology Mission for oil seeds ; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to give immediate clearance to this Project Report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) and (b) The Technology Mission on Oilseeds (TMO) had advised the State Governments to prepare State Mission documents for oilseed development, detailing therein the participating agencies, their precise role, objectives targets, etc., so that definite Action Plans on a time-bound basis could be implemented and closely monitored. On the basis of this advice the Government of Kerala prepared a document and a copy of this was submitted to the TMO. In this document State Govt. had indicated a financial requirement of Rs. 21·38 crores to be equally shared by the Centre and the State for the development of coconut.

Central assistance for coconut development is being provided through the Coconut Development Board. During the Seventh Plan, a provision of Rs. 3·12 crores was made for the development of cocunut in Kerala; Rs. 2.02 crores to be pro-

vided by the Board and Rs. 1·10 crores by the State.

Time Allotted for Adult Education and Non-Formal Education

1276. DR. R.K. PODDAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the time allotted per week for telecast on Doordarshan regarding programmes connected with Adult Education and Non-formal Education.

(b) the percentages of such telecast as compared to the total weekly telecast time and cost thereof: and

(c) whether such telecastes are sponsored by Private agencies and if so, what are the details of amount of time and cost borne by such agencies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. TEWARY) : (a) and (b) Although specific time has not been allotted on uniform basis for telecast of programmes on Adult Education and Non-formal Education, yet a large number of programmes on these themes are telecast regularly by Doordarshan Kendras. Such programmes fall in the following categories :–

(i) Programmes for Higher Education and ETV.

(ii) Other programmes of Educational nature.

(iii) Adult Literacy programmes.

Since timings, duration and pattern of programmes on Adult Eeducation and Non-formal Education differ from Kendra to Kendra, no percentage of such telecasts could be indicated.

(c) There is no regular sponsorship of educationl programmes telecast over Doordarshan. However, some programmes for rural audiences and health magazines etc. are occasionally sponsored by agencies.

Expansion of Metro Railway in Calcutta

1277. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Overseas Economic Cooperation Funds have proposed to provide necessary economic aid for the speedy implementation and further expansion of the Metro Railway in Calcutta and around ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Improvement of Transport System in Calcutta

1278. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of West Bengal have recently submitted some proposals for the improvement of the transport system in Calcutta.

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposals ; and

(c) what is the Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) In